GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2122
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CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to raise a national emergency response force to tackle calamities arising regular atomic biological or chemical disasters;

(b) if so, whether trainers of the State Police will be trained at training institutes of para military forces and the States have also been authorized to utilize 10% of the annual allocation made in the calamity relief funds for purchase of equipment;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the time by which this project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): A proposal has been initiated to set apart battalions from the existing strength of Central Para Military Forces to be trained and equipped for specialist response to natural and man-made disasters including 4 battalions for responding to nuclear, biological and chemical emergencies.

(b): There is no proposal at present to train the trainers of the State Police for responding to nuclear, biological and chemical emergencies.

However, 10% of the annual calamity relief fund allocation may be utilized for the procurement of search and rescue and communication equipment for natural disasters.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.